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To Whom It May Concern:

Teaching is a never a job, but my passion. I love scaffolding individuals to their next step or learning success. Each child to me is their own garden of schema and prior experiences and should be nurtured in that way. I love to teach the primary grades and have taught Kindergarten three times, First Grade twice, and now Second for the first time this year. Beginning their journey as learners, they are never too small to ask questions, make observations, collect data, and analyze their results!

At my current school, we teach using the workshop model and present students with a strategy or concept, give them time to work with friends or alone, and debrief our learning. I have found that this creates a community of learners and one of success! It has been my joy to teach this way in all subject areas for the last almost six years. Within this model, I have co-taught for three years (the last two with the same teacher) and last year, I co-taught inclusion.

The above blogs will provide a showcase of the work that I have done over the years with my co-teachers and as well as alone. You will find that Science and Technology are a main focus of many of the blog posts. I presently serve and have served for two years on the Science Council and Technology Team for my grade-level.

As a Science Council Member, I am responsible for facilitating Science Teacher Meetings for my grade-level. This includes, relating content or pacing changes, guiding lesson and test writing, as well as planning units. I have greatly enjoyed this role and love scaffolding inquiry!

I also love teaching with technology! I have attended professional development trainings provided through my county as well as at my school to help support my role as a technology team member for my grade-level. This role makes me responsible for relating new programs to my grade-level and sometimes providing training and or tech support.

I am excited to move to Juneau, Alaska and join a new learning community!

Sincerely,

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